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SUBJECT: SECOND MEETING WITH SADAT AND EGYPTIAN COUNTER-
PROPOSALS

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FOR AMBASSADOR FROM SISCO

1. AS NOTED IN YOUR REPORT OF YOUR SECOND CONVERSATION
WITH SADAT, THE EGYPTIANS MENTIONED PUTTING THE WARNING
STATIONS "UNDER THE UN" IN TWO DIFFERENT WAYS. THEY
MENTIONED THE POSSIBILITY AS A LAST RECOURSE FOR THE
INTELLIGENCE SITES, AND THEY ALSO MENTIONED THAT THEIR
OWN PROPOSED TWO STATIONS ON THE NORTHERN SECTOR ROADS
WOULD BE UNDER THE UN.

2. YOU HANDLED THIS WELL AT THE TIME OF YOUR CONVERSATION
WITH SADAT. HOWEVER, THE SECRETARY WOULD FIND IT USEFUL
IF YOU COULD GET SOME CLARIFICATION AS TO WHAT PRECISELY
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THE EGYPTIANS HAVE IN MIND WHEN THEY SAY THIS. I KNOW

YOU WILL BE ABLE TO SEEK THIS CLARIFICATION WITHOUT CON-
VEYING ANY OTHER IMPRESSION THAN THAT WE SIMPLY WANT TO
KNOW WHAT THE EGYPTIAN IDEA IS SO THAT IT CAN BE ASSESSED.

3. SECRETARY IS SEEING AMBASSADOR DINITZ MORNING OF
JULY 23. IT WOULD BE MOST USEFUL IF YOU COULD SEND A
CLARIFICATION BY 0700 WASHINGTON TIME. HOWEVER, IF THIS
WOULD IN YOUR JUDGMENT REQUIRE AN EXCESSIVE SHOW OF U.S.
INTEREST, YOU SHOULD NOT FEEL IT ESSENTIAL TO MEET THAT
DEADLINE SINCE WE CAN COMMUNICATE FURTHER WITH THE
ISRAELIS LATER IF NEED BE. KISSINGER

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